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THE BOONE COUNTY FAIR

October 9, 10, 11 and 12 are the days chosen for the Boone County Fair. They are days of unusual importance to the citizens of Columbia, Centralia and surrounding towns, as well as to the farmers of this county. An instructive and entertaining program has been arranged for the week and the support of every Boone County citizen is greatly needed and desired for the complete success of the fair this extraordinary year.

The small grain and fruit crops are exceptionally good in most parts of the Central West and here corn of the best grade may also be added to the exhibits. More than valuable information can be acquired at the county fair. It is a meeting place for city, town and rural folk; it brings them together for a common purpose and creates, through a better acquaintance with one another, a better spirit of understanding and co-operation between producers and consumers, stock raisers and stock dealers, country buyers and city buyers.

During this year of 1917, when we are at war with the mightiest military nation in the world, it is also imperative that we learn from each other the true condition of affairs in the country so that our economic situation may be fully appreciated and we may thus realize the real meaning of conservation, greater production, judicious expenditures and complete loyalty.

In line with the demonstrations which have been held at county fairs in other parts of the country, a monstrous loyalty celebration will be held during the week and the county is urged to turn out en masse. This is a part of our wartime, as well as our annual local duty, to support and further the county fair. May every citizen do his bit!

The day of the unscrupulous rulers has come, whether it be in a democracy or in an autocracy.

And some men spend so much time hustling that they haven't time to accomplish anything.

SURVEYING COUNTY SCHOOLS

Work Undertaken by State Teachers' Association.

In the last session of the Missouri General Assembly a suggestion was made that a survey of the country schools of Missouri be undertaken. The purpose was to have a concrete statement from reliable sources as to the physical condition of the country schools, their organization and support, the preparation of the teachers in them, and the character and quality of instruction.

The matter received favorable consideration from those to whom it was proposed. After the session adjourned, Governor Gardner wrote to Uel W. Lamkin, state superintendent of schools, suggesting that all the educational interests in the state co-operate in making such a study and investigation, and suggesting further that it would be well for the people of Missouri to know just how efficient their country school system is.

In accordance with this plan, the Missouri State Teachers' Association appointed a committee consisting of Uel W. Lamkin, chairman; W. K. James of Andrew County; P. P. Lewis, president of the State Board of Agriculture; Lieutenant Governor Wallace Crossley; George Melcher, Kansas City; Superintendent Herbert Pryor of Mexico, and Superintendent C. E. Burton of Wayne County to have charge of this work. They elected A. G. Capps as secretary.

The association, together with the state superintendent of schools, the University and normal schools, colleges of the Missouri College Union and public school people generally have undertaken the work, not with the idea of proving any pet theory or of finding out any one particular thing. It is an investigation by Missourians of their own school system with the idea of making the good better, and of improving conditions where they should be improved.

The co-operation of commercial organizations, women's clubs, the newspapers, the church and all interested in the public schools of the state is desired.

461 Pupils at Columbia High.
Enrollment in the Columbia High School at the close of three weeks stands at 461. This is as large as the attendance at the end of the first month of school last year. Attendance at the grade schools has fallen off slightly. There are only 1100 pupils enrolled now, as compared to 1140 at the corresponding time last year.

SOCIETY NOTES

Mrs. P. H. Montague of Nevada, Mo., is visiting her niece, Mrs. L. F. Thomas, 1413 Bass avenue. She will remain here for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Searcy Ridge of the Dumas Apartments entertained Misses Geraldine Thompson, Adelaide Simon, Sue Williams and Eleanor Grubbs at an informal dinner last night.

The Chi Omega sorority will hold open house from 7:30 to 9:30 o'clock Friday night.

The Sigma Chi fraternity will entertain the freshmen of all other fraternities at a smoker Friday night.

This chapter of the Eastern Star will give a reception Thursday evening for Mrs. Beulah Hawkins, district deputy grand matron, and Dr. John Pickard, who was recently elected grand worthy patron at a meeting of the Eastern Star held in St. Louis a few days ago.

Mrs. Harlan Thompson returned yesterday to her home in Kansas City after a week's visit at the Kappa Alpha Theta house. Mrs. Thompson is a former student of the University and a member of the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

CITY AND CAMPUS

L. R. Simons of Washington, D. C., is here to hold a conference with A. J. Meyer, director of the Agricultural Extension Service, and P. H. Ross, county agent leader, on emergency demonstration agents.

R. H. Emberson, G. W. Reavis and Miss Addie Root, who have been attending the state fair at Sedalia, have returned.

Alma Wilhite, teacher of the fifth grade in Lee School, is ill today.

Mrs. Mary Gray, a trained nurse near Columbia, was called to Marshall, Mo., to attend her niece, Mrs. Mary Talbert, who is critically ill.

Randolph Cruces of Denver, who has been visiting his grandmother, Mrs. P. J. Beasley, 108 South Tenth street, left this morning for his home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Willis of Plains, Mont., who have been visiting Mrs. James Hale, 505 William street, went to Hallsville this morning to visit J. E. Northutt. They will return to Columbia in a few days.

P. E. Radke went to Mexico and Fulton this morning to look after business interests there.

Frank B. Rollins went to Centralia on a business trip this morning.

C. H. Williams of the extension division of the University left this morning for Bonne Terre, Mo., where he will do work in connection with the State Debating League. Mr. Williams is secretary of the league. He will visit St. Louis on University business before his return.

SILAGE OF SHOCK CORN GOOD
General Opinion of Farmers Is That Cattle Benefit from It.

Every fall numbers of farmers are delayed in getting their silos completed and find it necessary to cut their corn and shock it before the silo is ready to use in order that the corn may not become too ripe. Other farmers are interested in refilling their silos after the contents have been fed out. Both instances require that shock corn be put into the silo if the silo is used. The University of Missouri College of Agriculture has investigated the possibility of using shock corn for silage. During the fall and winter of 1913-14 three small silos were filled with corn fodder at different dates and with varying amounts of water. Visits were also made to ten or twelve farmers who were using silage made of shock corn and samples were procured for analysis.

The opinions of the men who had used silage made of shock corn may be summarized as follows: It is a satisfactory feed and animals find it more palatable and appear to do better on it than when fed shock corn. Silage made in this way is not equal to that made by putting corn into the silo at the proper stage. Refilling a silo in the middle of the winter with corn fodder prevents the loss in feeding value which occurs, especially toward spring, when fodder is left in the shock. It is more convenient to feed from the silo than from the shock. Cattle eat more of the stalk

when it is in the form of silage, thus conserving a large amount of feed which, as shock corn, would be wasted.

It is doubtful if putting dry corn fodder into the silo will ever become a general practice on account of the large amount of water which is required to put it in proper condition. On most farms it is entirely out of the question to consider putting the dry corn into the silo because of not having an abundant and convenient water supply. The studies made at the Missouri College of Agriculture with different amounts of water show that corn which has stood in the field until it has thoroughly dried requires about a ton of water for each ton of corn fodder. This amount of water for each ton of corn fodder. This amount of water gives the silage about the normal composition found when corn is put into the silo at the right stage. If, on account of wet weather, the fodder is damp at the time of filling the silo, the amount of water may be reduced a little, but if this amount is much less than equal parts with the fodder used, more or less mould will develop in the silage. Failure to add enough water was the most common fault found with the silage made from corn fodder in the ten or twelve silos visited.

Further suggestions on making silage of shocked corn will be found in Circular 71 of the Missouri College of Agriculture, Columbia, Mo.

ANNOUNCE MILITARY RULES

Only Three Classes of Students Will Be Excused This Year.

According to an official announcement, three classes of students will be excused from military science and physical training. Students with fifty-four hours of advanced credit, those who are physically unable, and self-supporting students who are carrying not more than thirteen hours may get exemption by applying to the registrar for an excuse blank and presenting it filled out to the Committee on Exemption from Military Science and Physical Training.

Whether or not a student is physically unfit for military work will be left to the discretion of the examining doctors at the Parker Memorial Hospital.

Y. W. C. A. Wants New Members.
The University Y. W. C. A. is holding a membership campaign this week. It will be concluded with a Japanese Tea next Wednesday at Read Hall.

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Mothers' Club Will Meet Thursday.

The first meeting of the Lee School Mothers' Club for this year will be held at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the school building.

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